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Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated  
December 31, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this document, and  
include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing  
changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this document.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are provided at the end of this document, by  
way of a replacement Abstract and a marked-up version showing changes made.

Please amend the application as follows: